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Subject: request for a meeting with former Prime Minister Barak
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Dear Mr. Barak,

For years we have been following your engagement for a peaceful solution in Israel and the PA and the coexistence of religions and cultures. Therefore, we would very much like to present our project CHALLENGE FUTURE to you.

In 2007, I initiated CHALLENGE FUTURE together with the Peace Nobel Prize laureates Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Shimon Peres as well as Bochum's Lord Mayor Dr. Ottilie Scholz, who are acting as patrons. It is a non-commercial project which was first presented within a conference in Bochum in June 2007 with a great number of national and international personalities taking part, among them: Lech Walesa, Mikhail Gorbachev, the President of German Bundestag Dr. Norbert Lammert, Sigmar Gabriel, the United Nations' special advisor Adolf Ogi, Her Highness the Begum Aga Khan, Minister Michael Breuer, Dr. Jehan Sadat, the former Empress Farah Diba, Peter Maffay, Carlos Santana, Wolfgang Niedecken, the Israeli Ambassador Avi Primor, Yusuf Islam (alias Cat Stevens), Professor Dr. Dietrich Grönemeyer, Dr. Franz Alt, Heinz-Rudolf Kunze, Rupert Neudeck and Archbishop Fouad Twal from Jerusalem. With this conference, we were able to reach over 1500 visitors.

Based upon the conference, we invite two personalities each year to deliver a CHALLENGE FUTURE speech on a current subject. The first speech was held in May 2008 by His Holiness the XIV. Dalai Lama, the second one by the newly elected head of SPD, Franz Müntefering, on the day following his election. In February 2009, the Czech President Vaclav Klaus spoke in Bochum and within the third CHALLENGE FUTURE speech explained his visions concerning the future of Europe. The fourth speech was delivered by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II. of Monaco in September 2009, who addressed the topic of environmental protection. The V. speech was held on March 25, 2011, by the Turkish writer and Nobel Prize laureate Orhan Pamuk and the VI. one took place in November 2011: Israel's former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert spoke about the Middle East conflict and the so-called Arab Spring.

The project „CHALLENGE FUTURE" is supported by a high-ranking board, among whose members are e.g. Prime Minister Roland Koch, the former President of German Bundestag Rita Süßmuth, Federal Minister Sigmar Gabriel, the former Bavarian Prime Minister Edmund Stoiber and various diplomats. Our website www.herausforderungzukunft.de will give you further insight.

Also, in accordance with the city of Bochum, the project is now co-operating with seven schools where we organize workshops. The first one was with the Iranian Peace Nobel Prize laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi in February 2008. Within a workshop of ca. 200 young people, she answered questions concerning the subject of Islam. Further workshops were held by the American Pop-Artist Romero Britto, the former Bavarian Prime Minister Dr. Edmund Stoiber and by Charlotte Knobloch, the President of the German Jewish Council.

I would be very happy if you granted me the opportunity of a personal meeting. For that purpose, I would be happy to travel to Tel Aviv or another place of your choice any time in order to present our project to you personally.

I very much hope for your positive reply.

Kindest regards and Shabbat shalom,
Yours Sascha Hellen

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